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ARMY AND NAVY NEWS

Tomorrow is a red-letter day for Hawaii in the way of Federal appropriations for the upbuilding of the military establishment in Hawaii, and particularly on this island. Tomorrow the \$250,000 appropriated for the brigade post at Leilehua becomes available; \$150,000 becomes available for the marine corps barracks at Pearl Harbor; \$50,000 becomes available for filling in the ponds on the Waikiki military reservation where barracks and a large military establishment will be maintained to man the great coast guns, and appropriations for the building of the \$2,000,000 drydock and great sums for the building of the station buildings there, become available. Money will pour into Hawaii in a golden stream after today. Before the end of the year the numerical strength of Army and Navy in Hawaii will be close on to 2500 men in all branches of the service and the building of the brigade post and the Pearl Harbor station means an addition of as many more.

Marines Here a Year.

Major Long, commandant of the marine corps detachment at Camp Very, states that there is little likelihood of any change in personnel of officers or numerical strength of the enlisted force at Camp Very for a year, by which time the detachment will move to Pearl Harbor and occupy the new buildings which should be finished by that time. The appropriation of \$100,000 is available for the construction of the barracks, which will be of the latest model.

The physical tests for the marine officers will not take place until December, the month selected for the tests in tropical and semi-tropical posts.

Army Plan Opposed.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The plan for reorganizing the military establishment, which has been under discussion for several months by the General Staff contains some radical features

which will be opposed by army officers. One of these, as has been mentioned in these dispatches, has to do with the formation of a general supply department, composed of the present pay, quartermaster and subsistence departments, which will constitute divisions under brigadier generals of the general supply department, which is to be in charge of a major general.

A part of the plan is to transfer from the quartermaster's department to the subsistence department the item of clothing. This is an important duty of army quartermasters at present, and they are not likely to view without opposition such a subtraction from their importance. In fact, the quartermaster general of the army has filed a protest against any change of the sort. He is in favor of maintaining the independence and integrity of the organization and duties of his department.

The idea is also opposed by the paymaster general of the army, although in less emphatic terms. The proposition is to have the pay department disburse all money for public works and on contracts for supplies, as well as paying officers and troops. While this would increase the importance of the pay department, it would also involve that branch in many difficulties and there are those who insist it would be impossible to carry out the scheme without an increase of liability on the part of the disbursing officers and at great inconvenience to those who are to be paid for contracts performed.

The commissary general of the army is in favor of the consolidation and has made a report to that effect, adding that it would be well to transfer to the proposed general supply department the purchasing branches of the medical department and the ordnance department, which suggestion is viewed with disapproval by the surgeon general and the chief of ordnance, who are able to point out the disadvantages to their own branches of such a change.

AUSTRIAN RAILROADS.

Austria has as much railroad mileage in proportion to territory as Missouri, some 13,000 odd miles, and over 8000 are operated by the

State. This portion is about to be operated electrically, as the kingdom produces little coal and that of low grade. The state engineers have examined and reported upon 5000 miles of rivers and creeks and over 200 sites for power stations. Work upon twelve of the stations will be begun during the current year. Private ownership of water powers adds to the difficulties of the undertaking on the legal side, but it is anticipated the State will arrange to furnish power at low rates to those whose water rights are taken over.

MEN JUMPED; WOMEN MET DEATH AND INJURY

A verdict of accidental death was rendered by the coroner's jury impaneled to consider the Koolau railroad accident of last Saturday, in the case of Mrs. Sylvester, who was killed on that occasion. From the testimony it seems that people from Kahana were en route to Laie to attend a dance. Another party started from Kahuku to make a visit near Hauula. Both parties started about the same time from each end of the line, each party on a handcar.

The Kahuku car carried a light and when the persons on the Kahana car saw it coming the men jumped off letting the car run away down grade. The women sitting on the car were caught, Mrs. Sylvester being killed and a part Hawaiian woman receiving a broken leg. Other women were cut and bruised.

The people on the Kahuku car did all they could for the injured and sent a car to Kahuku for the plantation doctor who returned on the plantation company's engine.

HEIR TO THE LEITER

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CHICAGO, June 10.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter, who was born fifteen days ago, died of cerebral hemorrhage Tuesday afternoon at the residence of its parents.

The baby, which was the heir to the Leiter millions and the grandson of the late Levi Z. Leiter, was to have borne the name of Joseph Leiter Jr.

Mr. Leiter, accompanied by his father-in-law, Col. J. R. Williams, who had come to Chicago expressly to see his only grandson, left for Washington yesterday with the body of the baby. Mrs. Leiter is prostrated with grief and remained at home.

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